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SUBJ: PROPOSED VISIT OF MRS. ANGIER BIDDLE DUKE AND
MRS. PHYLLIS T. PIOTROW

REF: A) STATE 211372; B) DACCA 4406

1. FOR BOTH PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL REASONS, THERE ARE MANY PERSONS IN THE MISSION WHO WOULD BE GLAD TO WELCOME MRS. DUKE AND MRS. PIOTROW. HOWEVER, LAST WEEK THE MISSION REQUESTED THE ASSISTANCE OF AID/W (REF B) IN MINIMIZING THE NUMBER OF VISITORS OF BANGLADESH BECAUSE THE TRAFFIC WAS OVERTAXING THE CAPACITY OF THE POPULATION UNITS OF THE BANGLADESH GOVERNMENT AND USAID TO DISCHARGE THEIR NORMAL RESPONSIBILITIES.

2. TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THIS POLICY, WHICH ALSO HAS THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE BDG, WE FEEL CONSTRAINED TO REQUEST CLARIFICATION OF THIS PROPOSED VISIT IN TERMS OF SPECIFIC WORK TO BE ACCOMPLISHED, UNDER WHOSE AUSPICES THE TRAVEL IS BEING UNDERTAKEN, WHAT PERSONS ARE TO BE CONTACTED, AND WHO WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ARRANGING SCHEDULES LOCALLY. (FYI: WHEN MRS. DUKE PAID A SIMILAR VISIT TO BANGLADESH NOVEMBER 12-14, 1974, THE

PROGRAM SCHEDULE, ALTHOUGH ULTIMATELY HIGH SUCCESS-
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FUL, BECAME CONFUSED AS A RESULT OF OVERLAPPING EFFORTS

AT COORDINATION.) ALSO BE ADVISED SEPTEMBER 24TH THROUGH
27TH ARE EXPECTED TO BE OFFICIAL HOLIDAYS MARKING THE
END OF THE RAMADAN MONTH OF FASTING.

3. PLEASE ADVISE.
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